GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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AFFORESTATION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Afforestation projects sanctioned in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government provide any assistance to the Non-Governmental Organisations under these projects;

(c) if, so, whether the Government has received any complaints against the Non-Governmental Organisations for missing the funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(f) the number of Projects sanctioned under NAP for the year 2007-08, State-wise and areas-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas through a two-tier setup of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level. During the last three years (2004?05 to 2006-07), 214 new FDA projects were approved under the NAP Scheme. In addition to NAP scheme, the Ministry is implementing the Grants-in-Aid for Greening India Scheme under which funding assistance is provided to various organizations, including Non-Governmental Organizations. The State-wise number of projects approved under the two schemes is given in Annexure-I.

(c), (d) & (e) No such complaint has been received in this Ministry.

(f) The number of projects sanctioned under NAP scheme including projects continuing from the Tenth Five Year Plan during 2007-08 (upto 19.11.2007), State-wise, is given in Annexure - II.